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TITLE: GENE EXPRESSION INDUCING	)	
FUSION PROTEIN AND METHOD	)	
FOR CONTROLLING GENE	)	
EXPRESSION INDUCTION	)	
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Customer No.: 28465	)	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendment to the Abstract** begins on page 6 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.